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The MESSENGER

THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

ST. STEPHEN'S & **Milnrow Littleborough**

Price: 4p

ST. STEPHEN'S DIARY

NOVEMBER

Mon. 1	Pilots' Jumble Sale
Tues. 2	Ladies Guild - 7.30 pm.
	Mrs. Nash will speak on - "Memories are made of ...."
Weds. 3	Young Mums - 2 p.m. and every Weds.
	Whist Drive - 7.30 p.m. and every Weds.
Fri. 5	Youth Club - 7 p.m. and every Friday
Sun. 7	Rev. A. Nash - 11am & 6 pm.
	Evening Communion
Mon. 8	Pilots - 6.30 pm. & every Monday
Weds. 10	Elders' Meeting - 7.30 pm. in the Manse
Sat. 13	"UNCOMMON MARKET" opened at 3 p.m.
Sun. 14	Mrs. M. Nash - 11 a.m.
	Sunday Two Special - 6 p.m.
Mon. 15	Men's Fellowship - 8 p.m.
Sun. 21	Rev. A. Nash - 11 a.m. & 6.p.m.
Weds. 24	Church Meeting - 7.30 p.m.
Sat. 27	Christian Rendezvous - 7.30 p.m. at Moorhouse Methodist Church
Sun. 28	Mr. Hazelhurst - 11 .m.
	Rev. A. Nash - 6 p.m.

DECEMBER

Weds. 1	Junior Church Staff Meeting - 7.30pm.
Sat. 4	Church Family Dance
Sun. 5	Rev. A. Nash - 11 a.m. - Toy Service
	Rev. A. Nash - 6 p.m. - Communion

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FLOWER ROTA

Nov. 7	Mrs. M. Mellor Mrs. M. Howarth
" 14	Mrs. M. Brockhurst
" 21	Mrs. D. Nunn Mrs. D. Hanson
" 28	Mrs. D. Emmott
Dec. 5	Mrs. J. Calow Mrs. Clowes

Please contact either Mrs. F. Butterworth or Mrs. E. Prince should you wish to donate flowers for the Church one Sunday.

LITTLEBOROUGH DIARY

NOVEMBER		
Weds. 3	No Pilots	
Sun. 7	10-30 am.	Mr.J. Lord
Tues. 9	7.30 pm.	Tea Room Meeting
Weds.10	6.45 pm.	Pilots and every Wednesday
Sun. 14	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	
	10-30 am.	Rev.A. Nash -Pilots Enrolment
	6 pm.	Rev.A. Nash - Communion
Sat. 20	3 pm.	- AUTUMN FAIR
Sun. 21	10-30 am.	Mrs.M. Nash
Tues.23	7.30 pm.	Ladies Guild Birthday Supper
Thurs. 24	7.30 pm.	Men's Fellowship - Speaker - Mr.Rex Moore
Sun. 28	10-30 am.	Rev.A. Nash - Family Communion
Mon. 29	7.30 pm.	Church Meeting
December		
Sun. 5	10-30 am.	Mr.J. Lord
" 12	10-30 am.	Rev.A. Nash - Toy Service also Missionary
	6 pm.	Rev.A. Nash - Communion

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Organist/Pianist

Nov. 7	Mrs.M. Hill	a.m.
" 14	Miss L. Merrick	a.m.
	Mrs.M. Hill	p.m.
" 21	Mrs. E.Cockcroft	a.m.
" 28	Miss L. Merrick	a.m.

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Collections

Sept. 5	Holidays
" 12	£31.15
" 19	£23.38
" 26	£42.12

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From --

THE MANSE

November 1976

My dear friends,

At the moment of writing the decorators are busily working on the interior of St. Stephen's and within a few weeks we look forward to seeing the results of their labours. Both churches will then have received a much needed refurbishing and will be looking bright and cheerful. Earlier in the year at Littleborough we held a service of thanksgiving for the redecoration there, and it is hoped that a similar service can be held at Milnrow soon after the work is concluded. May I offer a special word of thanks to all who have given to the Decorating Funds at both churches and so made the work possible.

It is good to see that the Youth Club at St. Stepphen's is getting its feet off the ground and beginning to fulfil a need that has developed as the children grow into adolescence. All good wishes to this new project.

May I ask for your interest and prayers for the Christian Rendezvous meetings that have been organised by the local churches in order to bring greater spiritual impact into the area. The next meeting will be held at Moorhouse Methodist Church on Saturday, November 27th at 7.30 p.m. when a team from Capernwray Bible College will be the guests. A further meeting has been arranged for January 22nd when the crew of Logos Ship 11 will be visiting Newhey Methodist Church.

These are ecumenical efforts. Please do your best to publicise the events and support

those who are trying to speak a word for Christ.

May God bless you and yours.

Your sincere friend,

ALFRED NASH

Thought for the month:

"Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication let your requests be made known to God"..

Philippians chapter 4 - verse 6.

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Christian Stewardship -- Life Style -- Christian Commitment -- These are the titles given at the Autumn Rally organised by the District and held at Union Street U.R.C. on October 21st. Rev. Yates of Bamford, gave us much food for thought. Here are just a few of the provoking things mentioned during his time with us.....

We need to be people who take God at His word .. .. who know how to pray .. and know how to give ... We should not be content with giving God the scraps when we ought to be giving Him the choicest fruits. .. Should we be giving to God less than we would give as a tip to a waitress or a taxi driver? .... In our Christian Stewardship let us see to it that we as Christians mean business ... the world needs the love of God more than ever ....

Challenging remarks - ones which should make every Church Member, and all who love the Lord Jesus, sit up and take stock of how much they give, not only money-wise, but of themselves to God and His work. As one lady remarked at the Rally -- "God has given us so much.. what do we give Him in return?"

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Happy birthday and God's blessing to -- at St. Stephen's - Neil Clough (6th) - Janet Holden (16th) Rebecca Jones (17th) - Joanne Riley (18th) - Gillian Clarke (19th) - Susan Jackson (23rd) - Rebecca Reed - (28th)

UNCOMMON SWEETS

"Young Mums" continues in popularity, with new members all the time enjoying our varied programmes and fellowship each Wednesday at 2 pm.

November 3rd - we have a special guest speaker: Mrs. Pauline Royle who will show us how to make her delicious sweets: November 10th - Final preparations for the "Uncommon Market" : November 17th we hope to welcome a Health Visitor: November 24th - A Sponsored Knit: December 1st - Quiz.

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From HERE AND THERE .....

It was good to see a number of our children go forward for prizes at the recent Open Evening at Roch Valley High School. Congratulations!

We are delighted to have Mrs. Doris Hey back in her usual place in Church. Well done, Doris. Keep well.

Thank you to all who so vividly portrayed scenes concerning St. Augustine - The Good Samaritan - Soweto - the 10 Commandments in a recent Sunday morning Service.

It is good to know that Mrs. Francis Whitworth is home again after her operation. We think of all friends laid aside in sickness - praying for their speedy recovery.

Thanks to Mrs. Margaret Holden for all the work she has done to see that so many Christmas cards and gifts have been sold this year. Thank you, too to the many who have placed orders. Our Church benefits greatly by your efforts. We expect to give the total raised in December's "Messenger".

Please Note - TOY SERVICE - December 5th.

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The photographs taken after our recent Cradle Roll Service have come out remarkably well. Should anybody like to purchase a copy (15p each) please see Mrs. Nash as soon as possible.

UNCOMMON MARKET

At St. Stephen's -- November 13th - 3 p.m.
Opened by Mr.W. HEMMINGS -- Chairman -- MR. P. WHITEHEAD -- Organist - MR. D. LYNCH.

Admission by Lucky Programme 5p available now.

Stalls --

Fancy Goods - Mrs.E. Starkie
Sweets - Pilots - per Mrs.J.Munday
Books - Seniors - per Mrs.K. Reed
Jewellery - Young People - per Mrs.P.Royle
Plants - Mrs. Mellor
Cakes - Mrs. M. Howarth & Mrs. A. Baines
Christmas Decorations and Mystery Parcels - the Young Mums - per Mrs. C. Hey
Groceries - Mrs.M.Nash & Mrs. E. Garside
Refreshments - Ladies Guild - per Mrs.J.Kay and Mrs.B.Clarence
Side Shows - Youth Club and Young People's Dept. per Mr.N.Bruckshaw & Mr.A.Eastwood

Goods are needed - If you can help in any way please see the one responsible for each stall.

Make this effort known - obtain your lucky programme - be early ! ! !

Moving from Milnrow.

We offer our very best wishes to Mr. & Mrs. A. Prestwich and Mr. & Mrs. J. Kay who will be moving to Morecambe in the near future. Many thanks for all you have done for St. Stephen's over many years. It is greatly appreciated.

Also to Mr. & Mrs. Ineson, Jane, Joanne and Christopher who will be moving to St. Anne's . Thank you, Janice for all your help in Junior Church and many other ways.

We shall miss you all. May you find much happiness. God bless!

New arrival. Congratulations to Al & Angela Turner on the birth of their son Aubron Lloyd Alan. A brother for Zoe.

It's a good thing God above has never
gone on strike
Because He wasn't treated fair or things
He didn't like.
If He had ever once sat down and said,
"That's it. I'm through.
I've had enough of those on earth so this
is what I'll do....
I'll give my orders to the Sun -- 'cut off
your heat supply'
And to the Moon -- 'give no more light' and
'run the ocean dry'.
Then just to make it really tough and put the
pressure on
'turn off the air and oxygen till every
breath is gone".
And surely He'd be justified if fairness
was the game,
For no one has been more abused or treated
with disdain
Than God..
And yet He carries on supplying you and me
With all the favours of His grace..
And everything for free.

(Submitted by Mrs.D. Hanson &
Miss I. Tither).

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OFFERINGS for the work of God at St. Stephen's

JULY	---	£129.74
AUGUST	---	£120.67
SEPTEMBER	---	£ 87.87

The DECORATING FUND - for the Church Decor.
stands at approximately £136.

ALL ALONE.

by Glenda Wright.

All alone with no one to talk to,
A seat by the fire, a table for one.
Pictures and memories all there in the room.
There's no one to listen when each day is done.
There's lots of love, and no one to share with.
Time in abundance with no where to spend.
She would be very happy if someone would visit,
Someone in truth she could call a friend.
Just someone to listen while she talks of the past,
Of moments both heartfelt and proud.

If some one would listen while she tries to explain
How you can be all alone in a crowd.

Her children are grown, they've done very well -
Each a specialist in his own line.
She's the only one there to sit all alone
To listen and hear the clock chime.

She's worked very hard each day of her life
With all kinds of jobs to do,
To bring up a family who are doing so well
Yet can't spare a moment or two.

She sits all alone with the memories and tears
The silence, the pictures, the past ...
If someonewould share it for just a short time
Then surely the heartache won't last.

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ENVELOPE SCHEME ... Will any interested person, who is not already giving in this way, please see Mr. A. Rae.

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SMALL CHRISTMAS TOYS - nothing over £1.50 - on sale -- Tuesday, November 16th - from 10 a.m. at 37, Cornfield Street, Milnrow -- Coffee & Biscuits 10p. - Profits to the Decorating Fund.

Everybody welcome .....

LITTLEBOROUGH NEWS . . .

VIRTUOUS PATIENTS

Littleborough ladies enjoyed their meeting on October 19th when Mrs. Brenda Sharples from St. Stephen's gave a very interesting talk on First Aid. Three of the members proved to be very patient patients especially when our Secretary, Mrs. Amy Stott, was 'crowned'. N.B. the next Guild Meeting will be on November 23rd when we shall once again enjoy a "Birthday Supper". An invitation is given to any lady who might like to join us in Ladies Guild - no age limit here!

Special Birthday Greetings to ...

Mr. F. BEATTIE, 14, Hare Hill Court who will be on November 26th.

Happy Birthday and God's blessing also to
Andrew Vincent (8th) - Susan Back (16th)
Lesley Mullen (26th) - Gillian Armitage (26th)
Beverley Allison (28th)

A SONG TO SING

Do you have words or music to any of the following songs? - "Rose of England" -- "In a monastery garden" (with words please) -- "The Egg".
Mrs. Constance Hoyle has written to ask about these for the Royal National Institute for the Blind Home where her nephew is a Warden.
Can you help? If so let Mrs. Hoyle or Rev. Nash know please.

BE SHARP - A request has been made for people to contribute SCISSORS to our Junior Church.

SAY IT ON FLOWERS - Anyone wishing to make alterations to the Flower List for 1977 please do so on the lists posted in the Church Porch or Schoolroom before the beginning of December. Thanks.

CAN YOU HELP?

Tinned foods etc. will be gratefully received by Mrs. J. Law and Mrs. Mullen (Tea Room) and Wendy Law and Janet Leach for Refreshment Stall.

EDISON AND BELLS.

As in previous years, goods can be selected at Bell's (China Shop) on Church Street, or Edison's (Hardware) on Hare Hill Road.

Please select your goods.. Do not pay .. give your name and United Reformed Church, and we will have them ready for you to collect at our Stall on November 20th -- Autumn Fair.

WHO'S STALLIN'?

Stalls for the Fair will be erected on Monday 16th November. Help from any man who has an hour to spare will be appreciated from approximately 7 p.m. Thank you in anticipation.

VAC. POPS

The Busy Bees and Younger Guilders have raised a total of £85.57 this year.

£44.07 of this was for the extra carpet and new vac, and the balance of £41.50 has been passed on to the Church Treasurer.

GARDEN. The "gardeners" would like to thank Mr. Barker for his generous gift of daffodil bulbs. We look forward to seeing the blossoms in the Spring.

When a good friend walks beside us
On the trails that we must keep,
Our burdens seem less heavy
And the hills are not so steep.
The weariest miles pass swiftly,
Taken in a joyous stride,
And all the world seems brighter
When a friend walks by your side.

DO WE?

During morning Service on November 14th our Minister will be enrolling several new Pilots. At that time these youngsters will make their promise to "Learn, pray and serve all they can in the World Wide Church of Jesus Christ". This is no childish promise and perhaps as adults we should do to consider whether we could make this promise with them.

Do we learn all we can about Jesus and His Church? Do we read about our Faith; do we read our Bibles in order to learn about it?

Do we pray all we can? Do we take our everyday concerns and our worries about the state of the world, to God in prayer?

Do we look at our own words and actions in the light of God's will for each of us?

Do we serve God all we can? or do we reserve the great share of our time to our own private use?

These are hard questions, but questions which I think we SHOULD ask ourselves. As we wish these youngsters well in their new career as Pilots, we pray that God will be with them and they with God right through their lives.

HILARY VINCENT.
(Pilot Captain).

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TALE FROM THE DALE.

The week-end Camp at Barnston Dale was attended by Hilary, Bob, Carolyn Lord, Andrea Stretton, Stephen Fielden and Christopher Freeman. The kids had a tremendous week-end of games and activities which gave them a chance to meet and enjoy the company of new friends in a Christian environment.

They also had their fair share of the Camp chores to do. However a great time was had by all and we look forward to another Camp with the prospect of more Pilots participating.

AUTUMN FAIR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20th - 3 pm.

Chairman - Councillor J.L. Albiston - Mayor of Rochdale.
Opener - Miss Susan Butterworth - Rochdale Carnival Princess
Soloist - Mr. Peter Walker
Pianist - Mrs. Wallbank

Tickets for admission will be on sale. Don't lose your ticket - it may be the winning one. The owner of the winning ticket will receive a matching Family size teapot, milk jug and sugar basin in English earthenware. This will be on display as you buy your ticket - draw to take place at 4.30 pm.

-- Lots to buy on the 20th - lots to eat --
-- Come bring your friends and money! --

In connection with the Autumn Fair please note ....

The Busy Bees are having a Tombola at the Fair and would be very grateful for lots and lots of gifts for their stall. Mrs. Stella Moss or any of the B.B's or Y.G's will be only too willing to accept your gifts.

Young People's Stall - It would be appreciated if cards and gifts could be paid for before the 20th whether it be cash or coupons matters not. Thanks!

Men's Stall - A Coffee evening and Bring & Buy held at 2, Centre Vale raised the sum of £9.50.

Tea Room - £12.15 was realised at a recent Coffee Evening. The ladies in charge wish to thank all who helped in this effort. Please Note - a meeting will be held in the Schoolroom on Tuesday 9th November All ladies interested in helping in the Tea Room at the Fair please attend this meeting -- Volunteers are needed please.. If you fancy yourself as a waitress here's your chance. We know the ladies will rally round.

CHURCH DUTIES - LITTLEBOROUGH

DOOR STEWARDS

Nov. 7	Mr.R. Mullen	Mr.T. Fielden
" 14	Mr.J. Nairn	Mrs. M.G. Hill
" 21	Mr.J. Hill	Mr. E. Holt
" 28	Mr.D.Harrison	Mr. F. Beattie
Dec. 5	Mrs.K. Mills	Mrs.P.Lightfoot

COMMUNION - ELDERS

Nov. 14	PM.	Mr.J. Lord	Mr.F. Beattie
" 28	AM.	Mr.F. Simpson	Mr.J. Nairn

FLOWERS

Nov. 7	Mr. Worthington
" 14	Mrs. Greenwood
" 21	Mrs.J. Lord
" 28	Mrs.E. Holt
Dec. 5	Mrs.J.A.Leach

COFFEE ROTA

Nov. 7	Mrs.A.Reynolds	Mrs.P.Lightfoot
" 14	Mrs.W.Spinks	Mrs.J.Hobbs
" 21	Mrs.S. Moss	Mrs.L. Mitchell
" 28	Mrs.R.Harrison	Mrs.P. Mullen
Dec. 5	Mrs.B. Macormack	Mrs.A.Merrick

FAMILY READINGS

Nov. 7	Mrs. J. Law	-Colossians 1:1-12
" 14	Mrs.P.Lightfoot	- Luke 4:14-30
" 21	Mr.D.Harrison	- Acts 2:42-47
" 28	Mrs.H.Vincent	- 1 Thess:5:1-11
Dec. 5	Mrs.E.Dunwell	- John 13:1-17

NB. Fellowship Hour will be held after Evening Service on November 14th. All are invited to come along.

CHURCH DUTIES - MILNROW

Family Church Door Stewards

Nov. 7	Mrs. M. Holden	Kenneth Holden
" 14	Mr.J. Harrison	Mr. I. Royle
" 21	Mrs.A. Collins	Mrs.I. Collins
" 28	Mrs.J. Callow - Ian, Alan & Graham Calow	
Dec. 5	Mr.A. Rae	Mr.G. Buckley

ELDERS ROTA

	Evening Door Stewards	Duty Elder	Evening Organist
Nov. 7	Mrs.M.Howarth	Mr.A.Sharples	Mr.D.Logan
" 14	Mr.B.Clough	Mrs.M.Howarth	Mrs.C.Hey
" 21	Mr.A.Sharples	Mr.B.Clough	Mrs.E.Starkie
" 28	Mr.D.Munday	Mr.H.Whitehead	Mrs.Bradbury
Dec. 5	Mr.A.Busill	Mr.J.Wild	Mr.D.Logan

COMMUNION ELDERS

Nov. 7	Mrs.M.Howarth	Mr.A. Busill
Dec. 5	Mr.J.Wild	Mr.H.Whitehead

Family Church Coffee Rota

Nov. 7	Mrs.J. Duffy	Mrs.F.Butterworth
" 14	Mrs.J.Cudworth	Mrs.N.Settle
" 21	Mrs.C.Hey	Mrs.M. Mellor
" 28	Miss M.Wood	Mrs.D.Andrew
Dec. 5	Mrs.A. Wood	

If unable to fulfil your duties please find a suitable substitute. Thank you!

FAMILY CHURCH READERS

Nov. 7	John Lynch	- Colossians 1: 1-12
" 14	Mrs. Cudworth	- Luke 4: 14-30
" 21	Mrs.A. Baines	- Acts 2: 42-47
" 28	Mr.A. Eastwood	- 1.Thess: 5: 1-11
Dec. 5	Mrs.C.Rothwell	- John 13: 1-17

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